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"Celebrating 30 years (March 1991) of FREE DX News"

DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT: According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 9th/May, through Sunday, 16th/May there were 210 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3D2, 3DA, 3V, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4O, 4S, 4U1U, 4X, 5A, 5B, 5R, 5T, 5W, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7X, 8P, 8Q, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9M2, 9M6, 9N, 9V, 9Y, A2, A4, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C3, C6, CE, CE0Y, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D2, D4, DL, DU, E5/s, E6, E7, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EP, ER, ES, ET, EU, EX, F, FG, FK, FM, FR, FS, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HH, HI, HK, HL, HP, HR, HS, HZ, I, IS, J3, J6, J7, JA, JD/o, JT, JW, JY, K, KG4, KH0, KH2, KH6, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ4, PY, PY0F, PZ, S0, S2, S5, S7, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T7, T8, TA, TF, TG, TI, TK, TR, TT, TU, TY, TZ, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V2, V3, V4, V5, V7, V8, VE, VK, VP2E, VP8, VP8/h, VP9, VR, VU, XE, XU, XW, XX9, YB, YI, YJ, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, Z6, Z8, ZA, ZB, ZC4, ZD7, ZD8, ZF, ZL, ZL7, ZP, ZS

* PLEASE NOTE: The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations or more likely a "BUSTED CALLSIGN". As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later".

3A, MONACO (Update). Operators Ennio/IW1RBI (Team Leader), Alessandro/IZ1AZA, Gianluca/IU1KBL and Andrea/IU1JXW will be active as 3A/IW1RBI from Monaco between May 27-30th. Activity will be on 30-6 meters using CW, SSB and FT8 (F/H). QSL via the address on QRZ.com or LoTW.

3Y0J BOUVET ISLAND DXPEDITION NEWS. Ken, LA7GIA, 3Y0J Co-Leader, reported on the 3Y0J FaceBook page (https://www.facebook.com/groups/3y0jbouvet2023) that the German DX Foundation (GDXF) confirms their record breaking donation of 8000 Euro/10,000 USDs to the 3Y0J DXpedition!! He states, "This is the largest donation ever and we're very honored with the trust they have shown in our Bouvet project. Let the journey begin!"

5N, NIGERIA. DX-World.net is reporting that Jean-Louis, ZS6AAG, "may" now be active as 5N7MSF from Abuja. There was a 20 meters SSB QSNs reported on Friday, May 14th. Jean-Louis is there working for the Médecins Sans Frontières [MSF](Doctors Without Borders), and the length of his stay is unknown. QSL via his home callsign and eQSL.

60M NEWS (New 60m/5 MHz WRC-15 Sub-License Now Available for New Zealand). Paul, G4MWO, Editor of "The 5 MHz Newsletter", informs OPDX readers of the following [edited]: The 'old' 5 MHz ZL sub-license expired following the end of the two-channel 60m NZ trial in 2020. However, NZART is pleased to announce that negotiations with regulator RSM have been successful in obtaining a license to allow operation for all New Zealand amateur operators to use in the 60m (5 MHz) band using the WRC-15 allocation.

Sincere thanks are due to Bob Vernall, ZL2CA, who did outstanding work by virtue of his position as an NZ government Approved Radio Engineer and ITU experience with the International Frequency Registration Board enabled him to put forward his project. Bob states:

"I independently liaised with New Zealand Defense Force (NZDF) to implement a plan I formulated in January to clear a 60 meter band for amateur radio. NZDF liked my plan and it has relevance to other NZDF radio projects. As I'm an Approved Radio Engineer I can modify radio licenses and NZDF authorized me to make specified changes to their licenses, which cleared bandwidth for amateur radio. These changes were registered by RSM around midday on 8 April. That completed my contribution to development of a 60 meter amateur band in New Zealand."

This made the new WRC-15 Amateur 5 MHz Secondary allocation clear for the next step which was for NZART to engage with the regulator RSM to formulate a new sub-license for the band:

5351.5 - 5366.5 kHz, Secondary Status, Maximum Power 15W EIRP, working together with the IARU 60 m Bandplan.

NZART President Mark ZL2UFI explains: "The NZART license (and your sub-license) are for a twelve-month period to allow RSM to assess if there are any interference issues. If not, then NZART will negotiate with RSM to having the 60 m (5 MHz) band allocation added to the GURL (General User Radio License). If this negotiation is successful, then the need for the sub-license will not be required in the future."

More information from the NZART website:
https://www.nzart.org.nz/info/60m

ZL 60m New Sub-Licensees:
https://www.nzart.org.nz/info/60m/sub-licence-holders

The 5 MHz Newsletter -- You can find the latest edition freely available at any time at:
https://www.dropbox.com/s/koz6msf74mtk76t/5%20MHz%20Newsletter.pdf?dl=0

The Newsletter Archive is at:
https://www.dropbox.com/sh/9si2gq8dnz73uy9/AACCZty4t4wQaF1mot3cA3d9a?dl=0

The G4MWO's Worldwide 5 MHz Amateur Allocations Chart:
https://www.dropbox.com/s/dhapwdfqyaraxh2/5%20MHz%20WW%20Amateur%20Allocations%20Chart%20%28%20c%29%20(

Wikipedia 60 Meter Band Page -- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/60-meter_band

8J1, JAPAN (Special Event). Voluntary members of the JARL in the Yamanashi Prefecture Branch have activated the special event station 8J1TSN to celebrate the 500th anniversary/birthday (November 3rd) of Prince Takeda Shingen until December 31st. Prince Takeda Shingen was a hero of Yamanashi Prefecture (Kai Province). QSL via the Bureau (NO eQSL or LoTW). Your QSL is not needed.

8P, BARBADOS. Charles, 8P6ET, will be active as 8P1W during the CQWW WPX CW Contest (May 29-30th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry. QSL via KU9C direct.

FM/TO3, MARTINIQUE (Reminder). Marius, ON4RU/OQ3R, will be active as FM/OQ3R from Laurent's (FM5BH) QTH on Martinique (NA-107) between May 23rd and June 5th. Activity will be holiday style on 160-10 meters using CW only. He will also be active as TO3F during the CQWW WPX CW Contest (May 29-30th) as Single-Op entry. QSL both callsigns via ON4RU direct.

II6, ITALY (Special Event). A group of Italian operators have activated the special event callsign II6RI to commemorate the "75th Anniversary of the Italian Republic." On June 2, 1946, the Italians, and for the first time the Italian women, were called to a referendum to decide whether Italy should remain a monarchy, or whether it should be replaced by the republic. The latter won with 52% of the votes. That same day the Italian people were also called to elect a Constituent Assembly which had the task of writing the new Constitution of the nascent Italian Republic. Activity will last until June 30th. Operations will be on 160-6 meters using CW, SSB and the Digital modes (FT8/FT4, RTTY, PSK31 and PSK63). Diplomas and awards will be available. For details see:
http://www.ii6ri.it/regolamento.html
QSL via IK6IHU, direct, ClubLog's OQRS (preferred), eQSL, or LoTW. NO Bureau (at the moment). For more details, see QRZ.com.

INDEXA NEWS (Spring Newsletter). The Spring 2021 Issue of the INDEXA Newsletter (Issue 132) is now available. John Scott, K8YC, Interim Editor, reports that this issue reaches back to the April 2006 issue to reproduce the report on the Peter One DXpedition (by Erling, LA6VM). With the recent announcement of two separate expeditions to Bouvet planned for the next two years and the misfortunes of the last two attempts, he felt they should all be reminded of the difficulties with weather that is prevalent when operating in the polar regions. We should also be thankful that there are intrepid souls willing to undertake the risks and hardships of such ventures. The newsletter can be downloaded at:
https://indexa.org/documents/newsletters/Newsletter-Issue-132-Spring%202021.pdf

IOTA NEWS. The following are IOTA operations that were active this past week between May 10-15th (as per the DXCluster):

IOTA	Callsign	Island/GROUP	Bands/Modes
AF-004	EA8DEG/P	CANARY	15m; FT8
AF-004	EA8CVZ	CANARY	20m; SSB
AS-004	5B4AIX	Cyprus	17m; SSB
AS-004	5B4VL	Cyprus	17m; SSB
AS-007	7N4SJX	HONSHU	20m; FT8
AS-007	8N1OLP	HONSHU	20m; FT8
AS-007	JE1SSE	HONSHU	17m; SSB
AS-007	JH3NGD	HONSHU	17m; SSB
AS-077	JA6BZI	KYUSHU	20m; FT8
AS-107	E20WXA/P	GULF OF THAILAND NORTH	40/20/15/10m; CW/FT8/FT4
AS-107	HS0YNM/P	GULF OF THAILAND NORTH	20m; FT8
EU-002	OH0Z	ALAND	10m; FT8
EU-005	2E0EER	GREAT BRITAIN	20m; SSB
EU-005	2E0MNG	GREAT BRITAIN	12m; SSB
EU-005	G1NXS	GREAT BRITAIN	10m; FT8
EU-005	G1OCN	GREAT BRITAIN	15m; FT8
EU-005	G7RDX	GREAT BRITAIN	20m; SSB
EU-005	GB0SOS	GREAT BRITAIN	10m; SSB
EU-005	GM4ATA	GREAT BRITAIN	12m; CW
EU-005	M0WGI	GREAT BRITAIN	17m; SSB
EU-005	M0WLF	GREAT BRITAIN	20m; SSB
EU-005	M0DXT/P	GREAT BRITAIN	40m; SSB
EU-005	MM0TFU	GREAT BRITAIN	10m; SSB
EU-005	MM0XXW	GREAT BRITAIN	10m; SSB
EU-009	GM8OFQ	Hoy	10m; SSB
EU-009	MM5DWW	ORKNEY	12m; FT8
EU-010	MM0BFF	OUTER HEBRIDES	20m; SSB
EU-014	TK4QL	CORSICA	40m; SSB
EU-015	SV9RKU	CRETE	17m; SSB
EU-018	OY1CT	FAROE	10m; CW
EU-023	9H1TT	MALTA	20m; SSB
EU-024	IS0DCR	SARDINIA	12m; SSB
EU-024	IS0GGA	SARDINIA	20/17m; SSB
EU-029	5P1W	SJAELLAND	17m; SSB
EU-029	OV1CDX	SJAELLAND	20/17m; SSB
EU-030	OZ30EU	BORNHOLM	10m; SSB
EU-034	ES0IA	HIIUMAA/SAAREMAA/LAANEMAA COUNTY	10m; SSB
EU-042	DK8OL	SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN STATE NORTH WEST	10m; CW
EU-115	EI2HI	IRELAND	10m; SSB
EU-115	EI5DPB	IRELAND	20m; SSB
EU-115	GB8HRH	IRELAND	10m; SSB
EU-115	MI0AIH	IRELAND	10m; SSB
EU-115	MI0SAI	IRELAND	17m; SSB
EU-116	GD1JNB	ISLE OF MAN	17m; SSB
EU-125	OZ7PR/P	JYLLAND WEST	40m; SSB
EU-131	IK3PQH/P	VENETO REGION	40m; SSB
EU-133	UA1ATD/P	GULF OF FINLAND SOUTH	40m; CW
EU-173	OH1MM/P	LANSI-SUOMI (PORI) PROVINCE	40m; SSB
NA-015	CO7FR	CUBA	40m; CW
NA-015	CO8LY	CUBA	17/15m; FT8
NA-021	8P6CH	BARBADOS	20m; SSB
NA-021	8P6QA	BARBADOS	15m; FT8
NA-022	VP2ETE	ANGUILLA	12m; FT8
NA-027	VO1REM	NEWFOUNDLAND	40m; SSB
NA-029	VY2JC	PRINCE EDWARD	20m; SSB
NA-040	NL0H	St Lawrence	20/17m; SSB/FT8
NA-059	NL8F	FOX	40m; FT8
NA-099	KP4JRS	PUERTO RICO	40m; CW
NA-099	WP4IRV	PUERTO RICO	20m; SSB
NA-105	FS4WBS	ST MARTIN	20m; FT8

NA-107	FM4LV	MARTINIQUE	20m; SSB
NA-249	KP4NIN	PUERTO RICO'S COASTAL	15m; FT8
OC-001	VK2LAW	Australia	15m; FT8
OC-009	T88SS	PALAU	20m; FT8
OC-013	E51JD	RAROTONGA	20m; SSB
OC-016	3D2AG	VITI LEVU AND VANUA LEVU	17m; SSB
OC-016	3D2ZK	VITI LEVU AND VANUA LEVU	15m; FT8
OC-019	AH6EI	HAWAIIAN	20m; SSB
OC-021	YC1AYO	JAVA	20m; FT8
OC-021	YC1FDF	JAVA	20m; FT8
OC-032	FK8CE	NEW CALEDONIA	80m; FT8
OC-036	ZL1MTO	North	80m; FT8
OC-036	ZL2BX	North	15m; FT8
OC-038	ZL7DX	Chatham	40m; FT8
OC-097	5W1SA	SAMOA	40/20m; FT8
OC-134	ZL3HAM	SOUTH	40m; FT8
SA-006	PJ4KY	BONAIRE	12m; SSB
SA-011	9Z4Y	TRINIDAD	12/10m; CW
SA-012	YV7WGA	NUEVA ESPARTA STATE	17m; FT8
SA-036	P41E	ARUBA	30m; FT8

** Thanks to the individuals who put the island/group and mode on their QSNs on their PacketCluster reports. The format we suggest is "Mode/IOTA#/Island or Group" (ex. FT8/OC-146/Celebes).

AF-019. (Reminder) Members of Oriental Sicily Contest Team (OSCT; IB9O) will be active as IG9OSC from Linosa Island (WW Loc. JM65ku), Italy, between May 19-23rd. Activity will be on various HF bands. QSL via IG9OSC, direct, LoTW or ClubLog's OQRS.

AS-117. Take, JI3DST, will be active as JI3DST/3 (mainly for DX) and JR8YLY/3 (mainly for JA) from Awaji Island between 0700z, May 22nd, and 0000z, May 24th. Operation may vary due to heavy rain or other conditions. Activity will be on (possibly 80)/ 40/30/20/17/15/12/10/6 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8 (possibly FM/RTTY). QSL JI3DST/3 via ClubLog's OQRS (direct or by the Bureau). QSL JR8YLY/3 via ClubLog (only Bureau).

AS-200. (Update/Date Change) Take, JI3DST, will once again be active as JI3DST/5 (mainly for DX and 6m Multi-Hop), JR8YLY/5 (mainly for JA) or JR8YLY/P for FT8 from Shodo Island between 0700z, June 19th, and 0000z, June 21st, and again between 0700z, June 26th, and 0000z, June 28th. Operation may vary due to heavy rain or other conditions. Activity will be on (possibly 80m)/40/30/20/17/15/12/10/6 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8 (possibly FM/RTTY). QSL JI3DST/5 via ClubLog's OQRS (direct or by the Bureau). QSL JR8YLY/5 via ClubLog (only Bureau).

AS-206. (" WHERE do we go NEXT island? ") states, Hide, JO1CRA, and he answers "I will (go) back to IOTA AS-206." Look for JO1CRA/7 to be active from O Island (aka Oshima, Kesennuma City, Miyagi Prefecture; JCC# 0605), in the Honshu's Coastal Islands East IOTA Group, Japan. Activity will be between 0300z, May 22nd and 0600z, May 24th. The plan could change depending on the status of WX and COVID-19. Activity will be mainly on CW and FT8, with a focus on the 6m band for IOTA and VHF/UHF listing. Suggested frequencies are:
CW -- 7025, 10125, 14045 and 21045 kHz
FT8 -- 7074, 10136, 14074, 21074 and 50303 kHz
6m -- 50303 kHz FT8 as a beacon; QSO on 50303 or 50280 kHz; SSB on 50260 kHz for JAs
He will have a Web chat room available for infomation at:
https://www.aimono.info/jnt/chat
QSL via his home callsign, LoTW or ClubLog's OQRS.

EU-042. Mike, DG5LAC, will once again be active as DG5LAC/P from Hooge Island (DLFF-0013 Wadden Sea) between July 23-27th as Single-Op/SSB-Mode/12-Hrs/High-Power. Activity will be on SSB and FT8/ FT4. He will also be in the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 24-25th). QSL via DG5LAC, direct, by the Bureau, LoTW, eQSL or ClubLog's OQRS.

EU-057. Operators Jef/DD2CW, Dirk/ON3UN, Ief/ON6KX and Roger/ON7TQ will be active as DD2CW from Rügen Island in the Mecklenburg-Vorpommern State Group between July 23-29th. Activity will include the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 24-25th) on SSB, but also

look for operations on all bands on CW/SSB outside of the contest. QSL via the Bureau.

EU-057. Operators Hannees/DL9SCO and Ron/ON1DX will be active as DA2W from Rügen Island in the Mecklenburg-Vorpommern State Group between July 23-29th. Activity will include the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 24-25th) on CW, but also look for operations on all bands on CW/SSB outside of the contest. Listen for QSL info.

EU-111. (Update) Members of the Cray Valley Radio Society (G3RCV) will be active as GM3RCV from Ceann Ear in the Monach Islands between July 22-27th. Their plan is to be in the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 24-25th) as a Multi-2/Low-Power entry signing MM8C. QSL via LoTW and ClubLog's OQRS. The group plans to be active on the HF and VHF bands using CW, SSB and possibly the Digital modes. Operators mentioned are Pat/EI5IX, Chris/G0FDZ, Nobby/G0VJG, Tony/G2NF and Jamie/M0SDV. QSL both callsigns via Clublog's OQRS.

EU-137. Anders, OZ3ACB, will be active as SM7/OZ3ACB from Ven Island sometime during mid-May. QSL via LoTW and eQSL (preferred), or direct to his home callsign. There will be a log search on ClubLog.

EU-146. Dirk, DL1KVN, will be active as PA/DL1KVN/P from Tiengemeten Island during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 24-25th) as a Single-Op/Island-DXpedition/Mixed-Mode/Unassisted entry. QSL via ClubLog.

NA-041. (Reminder) Phil, KC3CIB, will be active as KC3CIB/KL7 from Shelter Island between May 29-31st. He will be there on a fishing trip, but will be activating Shelter Island for IOTA purposes. Activity will be limited, and QRP with an Icom IC-705 most likely using a Digital mode. QSL via eQSL or direct. Look for more details to be forthcoming.

NA-085. Bruce, K5TEN, who usually activates Dog Island (WW. Loc EL79) every year in June as K4D, will be active this year between June 7-18th. Dog Island (USI FL005S, WW Loc.EL79), Florida, is an extremely rare IOTA because access is controlled by the 25 or so homeowners on the island. There are no hams on the island, and the only activations have been done by Bruce over the last 7 years. Access is by permission only and permission by one of the homeowners. It is only accessible by private charter or single engine fixed wing aircraft. The airstrip is overgrown so private charter is the only real choice. There are no streets, roads, stop signs, trendy cafes, or beach-front bars. If you need it, you bring it. This year's activity will only be on 40-6 meters primarily on CW, SSB and FT8 Digital mode using 100 watts an ICOM 7100 into an off center fed dipole. Suggested frequencies are 7188/7035, 10120, 14260/14045, 18125/18075, 21280/21035, 28310/28010 and 50135/50095 kHz. He is expected to operate in this year's ARRL June VHF Contest. QSL via K5TEN, SASE REQUIRED for stateside and DX (DX 2 USDs REQUIRED). Also, QSL via LoTW, eQSL and ClubLog.

PLEASE NOTE: Since the Webmasters of the new have decided NOT to post or dedicate a Web page to announce upcoming IOTA operations, PLEASE send your IOTA operations information to the OPDX, and we will post it here in an upcoming bulletin.....

KH0, MARIANA ISLANDS (Satellite Op). Jim, ND9M (aka VQ9JC), who has been active as ND9M/mm from wet grids in the Pacific, is now anchored in Saipan (OC-086), and plans to go ashore and be active as ND9M/KH0. He provided the following update/wrap-up of his wet grids on May 11th: "We arrived safely at Saipan in QK25 (grid) this afternoon; the 'hook' (anchor) has been dropped after almost a month underway. Here are the numbers for the voyage:

* I made 951 QSOs from 62 grids in 12 different grid fields.
* Of those QSOs, 285 were made using SSB, 161 with FM, and 505 on CW.
* 11 satellites were used for 152 passes in which QSOs were made. I was on an additional 31 passes in which no QSOs were made.
* RS-44 was by far the hardest satellite for me to use, but even so 423 contacts (44%) were logged over that one. Also, AO-91 held up well enough to produce 146 contacts (15%) by itself.
* All logs have been uploaded to LOTW. I'm still working on QSO fills.

I'll be on from our anchorage while we're here over the next month. But although we're close to shore, operating from the ship does not carry DXCC credit, so I'll take the gear ashore and operate as ND9M/KH0 as it's been several years since anyone's been on satellite from the island."

KH6, HAWAII (Update/Special Event). Several Hawaiian Amateur Radio operators will activate the special event station K6K to celebrate "King Kamehameha the Great and Hawaii's Rich History" on June 11th, between 06:00am HST - (1600z) until 10:00pm HST (0600Z). Excerpts from a press release by Michael, KH6ML, states [edited]: Amateur Radio Operators will activate special-event station K6K to celebrate King Kamehameha the Great and Hawai'i's rich history. K6K special event station will give HAMS a chance to add Hawaii to their logs to earn WAS or DCXX awards.

Successful radio contacts are eligible to receive a special and inscribed a certificate bearing the full-color rendition of K6K: King Kamehameha Celebration.

After hearing about the cancellation of all King Kamehameha Celebration parade events statewide, Michael Miller - KH6ML , a community emergency coordinator, spoke with amateur radio operators and a few people with the Commission to see if there was a level of interest to make the event happen.

This station is authorized by the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission as an official event.

The Kamehameha Day Holiday was proclaimed by King Kamehameha I's grand-son, Lot Kapuaiwa - King Kamehameha V, in 1871, followed by an inaugural celebration of events on June 11, 1872. Years later, in 1939, the Com-mission was formed under the Hawai'i Territorial Legislature.

TO VIEW A SHORT CLIP OF 2020 lei draping and short history, see:
https://fb.watch/4rB_6oMA7H

Operating Rules:

* This is not a contest. The idea is to allow as many operators as possible to reach the contact station operators and learn about King Kamehameha the Great and why he is celebrated in Hawai'i.
* All radio operators must operate their stations strictly in accordance with their countries' or FCC regulations. Any authorized amateur radio frequency may be used.
* Stations should listen for K6K calling "CQ K6K"
* The main modes will be SSB, FM, FT-8, and Winlink. Other Modes may be added.
* QSLS: eQSLs are available via LoTW. NO Paper QSLs.
* CERTIFICATES: Are self-printed (by you) for contacts with our Special Event Station. If you contact our Special Event Station, look up your callsign on the following link and print your own certificate: (Link to follow). Please allow 30 days for all logs to be processed.

For more info see: https://sites.google.com/view/k6khawaii

OL57, CZECH REPUBLIC (Special Event/Contest). Olda, OK1YM, will be active with the special callsign OL57ZW during CQWW WPX CW Contest (May 29-30th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry. The special callsign OL57ZW is dedicated in memory and honoring Zdeno, OK2ZW (ex.OK2PZW), who unexpectedly became a Silent Key (SK) on January 4th, 2021, at the age of only 57 years. Olsa will be send all QSL cards automatically via the Bureau.

OPDX MAILING LIST (Just A Reminder). Details on how to subscribe and unsubscribe from the "OPDX Mailing List" are at the bottom of this bulletin. PLEASE pass the word around.... Thanks and 73 de Tedd KB8NW
PLEASE NOTE: OUTLOOK users PLEASE read below.

PROPAGATION FORECAST/REPORT (May 17-23rd).....

May/17th BN	May/20th LN	May/22nd LN
May 18th LN	May/21st LN	May/23rd LN
May/19th AN		

SOLAR REFERENCE KEYS/INDEXES AND GEOMAGNETIC REFERENCE

NORMALITY	GEOMAG	K Values	Alpha
AN - Above Normal	Quiet	K=0-1	0-7
HN - High Normal	Unsettled	K=2	8-15
LN - Low Normal	Active	K=3	16-29
BN - Below Normal	Minor Storm	K=4	30-49
DIS - Disturbed	Major Storm	K=5	50-99
VRY DIS - Very Disturbed	Severe Storm	K=6-9	100-400

Meanwhile, check out the following Web sites for propagation:

* VOACAP predication Web page at: http://www.voacap.com/hf
  and http://www.voacap.com/prediction.html
* DX.QSL.NET Propagation page: https://dx.qsl.net/propagation

* A daily HF radio wave propagation forecast can be found at:
https://www.facebook.com/thomasfranklingiellaw4hm
* SolarHam Web page: http://www.solarham.net
* Radio Propagation/Space Weather/Sunspot Cycle Information at:
http://sunspotwatch.com
* Space Weather Prediction Center (SWPC) & National Oceanic and Atmospheric Adminisration (NOAA):
https://www.swpc.noaa.gov
https://www.swpc.noaa.gov/products/solar-cycle-progression
* News and Information About The Sun-Earth Environment:
https://www.spaceweather.com
* Monthly propagation charts between four USA regions and twelve overseas locations are at: http://arrl.org/propagation
* Information and tutorials on propagation are at: http://k9la.us
* Graphic propagation tool by DR2W: http://www.dr2w.de/dx-propagation
* Point to point propagation at: http://www.predtest.uk/p2p.html
* Real-time propagation at: http://www.predtest.uk
* Also on Twitter: https://twitter.com/@GiellaW4hm

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

QSL-INFO from DB0SDX by Lothar, DL1SBF (www.qslinfo.eu) (May 16th)
and various sources provided by OPDX

3W3B via E21EIC	EV5SL via EW1BBA	OE100CEN via OE4CEN
4L1MA via ON4RU	G8A via G3XSV	OR21WARD via ON9TT
4X/OM2IB via OM2IB	GB5LIB via GU8ITE	PA50AGCW via PA3HEN
5C1AR via RW6HS (d)	GS8VL via M0OXO (O/L)	R2AA via RW3RN
5P6MJ via OZ6MJ	HF60KAO via SP9KAO	RP76MVI via RA9AEA
5W1SA via JA1DXA (d/L)	HG0WFF via HA0HW	RP76S via R3LC
8N9OLP via (JA-B)	HI8K via W2CCW	RP76T via R2PT
8S5A/MM via SM5NAS	HL41GDM via HL4CCM	RW0A via RA0ALM
A60WTIS via EA7FTR	HZ1WTIS via (L)	SE5E via SM5AJV
A91WTIS via EC6DX	IB2AS via I2MYF	SN1921PS via SP9KDU
AN5ITU via EB5R	IO2LXV via I2MYF	SN50AGCW via SP1EG
AN5OKW via EA5WO	IQ0NU via 9A5URI (B)	SN7Q via SP7GIQ
AO7EU via EA3RKF	IQ0NU via IS0FFD (d)	SO1921PS via SP9KJM
BW/G4TDS via G4TDS	IQ0PH via 9A5URI	SP1921PS via SP9PNB
C6AFP via N4JQQ	IQ8BV via IK8YFU	TC1919ATA via TA6P
CN65FAR via RW6HS	IQ9QV via E7URI	TM0BEE via F6KUQ & (e)
CR5O via CT7AJL & (L)	J73ESL via EA5GL	TM25TL via F5KMY
CT7/PA3GCU via PA3GCU	KL7SB via N4GNR (d)	UN9LW via DL8KAC (d)
D44PM via IZ4DPV & (L)	L21RCA via LU4AA	VK4/VK6SJ via EB7DX
DK0IBF via DK1BH	LS2D via EC6DX	VK6SJ/4 via EB7DX
DR50AGCW via DL1DXL	LZ100VARNA via LZ2VP	YI3WHR via IK2DUW
DR60SZL via DJ9PH	LZ1340B via LZ3SM (O)	ZC4GR via EB7DX
DT8A via DS5TOS	M7V via M0VAA	ZF1EJ via K6AM
EF0F via EA4URE & (L)	NL8F via N7RO & (L)	ZL7DX via M0OXO
ER0ITU via (L)	OD5KU via EB7DX	ZM2B via ZL2BR & (L)
ET3AA via N2OO	OD5PY via KU9C	

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(O) OQRS only (C) ClubLog only (L) LoTW only (N) No QSL needed
(I) No IRC (P) PayPal (NB) No Bureau (n) no printed QSLs
(#) d/L/B[RSGB/BV]
(**) QSL automatically via Bureau - do not send QSLs

MAY 7TH PIRATE. Activity by ZC4A on this date on 20 meters was a PIRATE!!!
The real ZC4A has not been active since January 2020.

MAY 8TH PIRATE. Activity by PJ2ND on this date around/between 2110 and 2141z was a PIRATE!!!! Save your money.....

QSLS RECEIVED VIA LoTW: 5I4ZZ, 5I5TT, 7Z1WW, 9A10FF, DT8A, EA8AT, IF9A, PY2BRA, RI0Q (AS-152), TR8IG and UA3KW

QSLS RECEIVED VIA MAIL: 4K1AZI, 6O1OO, 8Q7MS, EX8MLE, FR4NT, HH2AA, HK3JJB, HL2VA, J28PJ, OD5ZZ, PZ5RA, R207RRC, RI0Q (AS-152), TG9AMD, TI7W, TT8SN, TZ1CE, TZ4AN, VK9CE, VR2BLEE (AS-006), XV1X, YI9WS and ZF5T

QSLS RECEIVED VIA THE BUREAU: NONE REPORTED THIS WEEK!!!!
--- We would like to see more QSL Bureaus (such as AS/US/SA/AF.. etc) send in their info....

SV9, CRETE. Peter, DD1GG, is now active as SV9/DD1GG from Crete (EU-015) until May 24th. Activity will be holiday style on 40-10 meters using SSB and FT8. QSL via his home callsign, direct or by the Bureau.

TY, BENIN (Update). Ian, ZS6JSI, who has been active recently as ZS6JSI/TY from Parakou about 400km north from capital city, is now signing TY5AB. He has been there since late January and is expected to be there until June. Activity is limited to his free time. Watch for him on 80/40/20 meters using SSB and FT8. Equipment is an ICOM IC-718 transceiver with 100 watts into a ZS6BKW directional antenna pointed towards Europe and Africa and a Trap dipole directional towards the Americas. QSL via EC6DX or LoTW.

VI50, AUSTRALIA (Special Event). Members of the St. George Amateur Radio Society (SGARS) are now active as VI50SG to commemorate their 50th anniversary as a club and will be on the air until December 31st. QSL via the Bureau, direct, or eQSL. Watch the Web page for operating details at:
http://www.sgars.org

VIRTUAL CONTEST SUPER SUITE. Tim, K3LR, reports the following on May 12th [edited]: All are invited to the Virtual Contest Super Suite hosted by Val, NV9L. It is free! Starting at 7:59 PM on Wednesday May 19, 2021 (2359 Zulu). Many breakout rooms - lots of virtual fun at the Super Suite The link you click on to get access to the Suite is here:
https://www.contestuniversity.com
Don't forget to register for Contest University and Hamvention Forums! They are free! (ed. See OPDX.1514 for details. Contest University 2021 on May 20th, 2021, and for 2021 Hamvention Forums on May 21st, 2021.)
Hope to see you at the Virtual Contest Super Suite - bring your own pizza!
73, Tim K3LR

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